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TO AMEMBASSY MUSCAT IMMEDIATE

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SUBJ: URGENT NEED FOR NON-OBJECTION CERTIFICATES FOR US BUSINESS
GROUP

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO FACILITATE ISSUANCE BY OMANGOV OF NON-OBJECTION CERTIFICATES FOR TEAM REPRESENTING WARDS COVE PACKING COMPANY. GROUP CONSISTS OF WINN BRINDLE, BLORIA JEAN KORTUS AND POSSIBLY KARL JOHANNES KALDESTAD. IN ADDITION NOC MAY BE NEEDED FOR JERRY RALSTON. RALSTON AND KALDESTED PRESENTLY IN US.

2. BRINDLE AND MS. KORTUS CALLED AT EMBASSY MARCH 15 AFTERNOON. THEY EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT (NEA/ARP - MOLINEAUX) AND OMAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON FOR PAST SEVERAL WEEKS IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT TO MUSCAT TO PLACE FISH MEAL PLANT PROPOSAL BEFORE APPROPRIATE OMANGOV OFFICIALS. THEY HAVE BEEN IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH MUSTAFA MUKHTAR ALI, DIRECTOR PUBLIC RELATIONS, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, PETROLEUM AND MINERALS, AND THEY HAD BEEN LED TO BELIEVE THAT NOCS WOULD BE ISSUED BY NOW. HOWEVER, IN TELEX RECEIVED HERE MARCH 15 THEY INFORMED BY RALSTON THAT NO NOCS HAVE BEEN ISSUED YET. BRINDLE AND MS. KORTUS HAVE RESERVATIONS ON MARCH 16 GULFAIR FLIGHT WHICH LEAVES KUWAIT IN LATE AFTERNOON AND ARRIVES IN MUSCAT AT ABOUT 8:45 P.M.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY MUSCAT REQUESTED LOOK INTO MATTER AND ADVISE WHETHER BRINDLE AND MS. KORTUS SHOULD PROCEED TO MUSCAT. PLEASE REPLY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE IF POSSIBLE BY NOON MARCH 16.
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